

Therriault, John

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Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2016 6:49 AM
To: Trover, Lance
Cc: Mike.Zolnierowicz@illinois.gov; Zolnierowicz, Michael; Bruce.Rauner@illinois.gov; governor@state.il.us; Frost, Brad; Bonnett, Lisa; Kaplan.Robert@epa.gov; Johnson, Tom; Therriault, John
Subject: Re: Coal Plant Action Plan
Importance: High

Dear Governor and Team,

Coal ash waste threatens our groundwater, rivers, lakes, health and property values around the state. For years, coal power generating companies sluiced the ash left over from the burning of coal into huge waste ponds. These coal ash pits tainted with mercury, lead, arsenic and other heavy metals are often times in close proximity to neighborhoods, recreational areas, and sources of drinking water.

The State of Illinois has a moral and financial responsibility to adopt stronger rules to assure Illinoisans that coal ash will not remain a toxic legacy and a barrier to new economic development opportunities in their communities. The final federal rule and the latest proposed rule from Illinois EPA are woefully inadequate.

I ask you and the Governor to direct the Illinois EPA to implement comprehensive Illinois coal ash rules that adequately protect public health and future re-use opportunities for dozens of coal plant properties across Illinois and I ask that the IPCB support those rules. I ask this because:

- Communities with coal ash pits deserve a state process that gives them an opportunity to have input into the plans to clean up and repurpose these toxic sites;
- Removal of coal ash to high and dry, properly-lined landfill sites will reduce the potential for continued groundwater and surface water contamination from coal ash under a "cap and leave" option; and
- Corporations, not Illinois taxpayers, should be responsible for cleaning up these coal ash waste pits. Financial assurances must be required of companies with coal ash pit liabilities so that local communities do not get stuck with the bill for cleanup.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Caleb Laieski

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Therriault, John

From: mollyccostello@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Molly Costello
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Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2016 1:11 PM
To: Therriault, John
Subject: Adopt strong coal ash rules that require coal-fired power companies to clean up their mess

PC#3976

Dear Clerk John Therriault,

I am writing to ask you to move forward with comprehensive coal ash impoundment clean-up and closure rules that will permanently protect Illinois residents from the health, safety and economic risks associated with coal ash disposal.

Many of the over 91 coal ash impoundments in Illinois are unlined and leaking into groundwater and surface waters. Coal ash pollutants such as lead, mercury, arsenic, cadmium and other heavy metals can cause cancers and neurological damage in humans, and are harmful to fish and wildlife.

Coal ash pollution is a state-wide problem that needs to be addressed immediately. However, the rules currently being proposed by the Illinois EPA fall short in several key areas. As the IEPA and the IPCB move forward in the rule-making process, I ask that these deficiencies be addressed:

- (1) Public Involvement - Meaningful public involvement should be incorporated into the process of developing site closure plans. Communities with coal ash pits deserve to have input into any decision-making that will have long-term health and safety implications for their residents.
- (2) Full Analysis of Closure Alternatives - In evaluating site closure plans, a full assessment should be conducted comparing the risks associated with the "cap and leave" options versus the long-term health and safety benefits of moving coal ash to high and dry, properly lined locations.
- (3) Financial Guarantees - Corporate owners of coal ash pits must be held financially responsible for proper clean-up, closure, and long-term maintenance. It is essential that financial assurance mechanisms be incorporated into the rules so that these costs are not passed on to Illinois taxpayers.

I call on the Illinois Pollution Control Board to move forward expeditiously in support of stronger state rules that will incorporate these important measures.

Sincerely,
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Therriault, John

From: jward1108@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jane Ward <jward1108@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Jane Ward
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Therriault, John

From: nscchicago@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Thomas Baker
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To: Therriault, John
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Dear Clerk John Therriault,

PCA#3978

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Sincerely,
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From: sabrina@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sabrina Hardenbergh
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To: Therriault, John
Subject: Adopt strong coal ash rules that require coal-fired power companies to clean up their mess

Dear Clerk John Therriault,

PC#3979

I am writing to ask you to move forward with comprehensive coal ash impoundment clean-up and closure rules that will permanently protect Illinois residents from the health, safety and economic risks associated with coal ash disposal.

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Sincerely,
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